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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

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Ex parte DAVID RALPH,  
GANG AN,  
S. MARK O'HARA, and  
ROBERT VELTRI

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Appeal No. 2006-1623  
Application 09/660,568

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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

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Before FLEMING, Chief Administrative Patent Judge,  
HARKCOM, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge, and  
GREEN, Administrative Patent Judge.

Per curiam.

On May 22, 2006, counsel for the appellants filed, among other documents, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114. Pursuant to the notice entitled "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000), and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 filed after appeal has been taken, but prior to a decision on the appeal, "will be treated as a

request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner.”

Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

*Michael R. Fleming*  
Michael R. Fleming, Chief  
Administrative Patent Judge

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